

**SONOMA COUNTY.**

At the meeting of the Sonoma County Medical Society in January, the following officers were elected:

President, Dr. Elizabeth M. Yates; vice-president, Dr. F. O. Butler; secretary, Dr. N. Juell; treasurer, Dr. R. M. Bonar.

**VENTURA COUNTY.**

At the December meeting of the Ventura County Medical Society, Dr. Edith A. Lamoree was elected president, and Dr. C. A. Jenson secretary.

Dr. B. F. Merrill, of Santa Paula, has returned to active practice.

**Notices****UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA EXTENSION**

**The Factors of Evolution in Man.** Prof. Samuel J. Holmes.

The University of California wishes to call your attention to the increased importance of **eugenics** and **genetics** at the present time.

The great war has turned the mind of the world to the problem of decadence or progress in modern civilization. This problem will be treated in a course of 15 University Extension lectures to be delivered by Professor Samuel J. Holmes.

Professor Holmes, the acting head of the Department of Zoology of the University of California, is a national authority on heredity, evolution and eugenics. He will point out the factors and forces essential to the development of a vigorous nation.

The course will be conducted particularly for legislators, executives, doctors, teachers, and social workers; but it will be vitally interesting to students at large.

The lectures will be delivered on Thursday evening each week in the San Francisco Main Public Library in the Civic Center. The fee for the course will be \$5.00.

In the interest of national progress, will you mention the course to others who may be interested?

**Outline of Course on Eugenics.**

1. Problem of Human Evolution. Preliminary Survey of the Field.
2. The Laws of Heredity.
3. The Transmission of Human Defects. Mode of Inheritance of Insanity. Feeble-mindedness, and other forms of mental defection.
4. The Inheritance of Mental Ability.
5. The Hereditary Factor in Crime and Delinquency.
6. The Decline of the Birth Rate. The Relative Birth Rates of Different Classes of the Population.
7. Causes of the Decline in Birth Rate.
8. Hereditary Influence of Alcohol and Disease.
9. Natural Selection of Man. The Various Forms of Natural Selection Among Human Beings. Racial Influence on Infant Mortality.
10. War and the Race. An Estimate of the Different Ways in Which War May Modify Human Inheritance.
11. Sexual Selection in Men. Its Past and Present Influence and Its Possibilities.
12. Industrial Development and Racial Inheritance.
13. The Elimination of Defectives. Sterilization and Segregation.
14. Religion as a Factor in Race Development. Religious Selection Past and Present.
15. The Present Trend of the Race. General Summary and Discussion of Various Forces Working Towards Racial Deterioration or Improvement.

**CONSTITUTION OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

To be amended at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Medical Society of the State of California, held at Santa Barbara, April 1919.

**ARTICLE I.****Name and Object.**

Section 1. The name of this Society shall be the "Medical Society of the State of California."

Sec. 2. The purpose of this Society shall be to federate and bring into one compact organization the entire medical profession of the State of California, and to unite with similar societies of other States to form the American Medical Association; to extend medical knowledge and advance medical science; to elevate the standard of medical education, and to secure the enactment and enforcement of just medical laws; to promote friendly intercourse among physicians, to guard and foster the material interests of its members and to protect them against imposition; and to enlighten and direct public opinion in regard to the great problems of state medicine, so that the profession shall become more capable and honorable within itself, and more useful to the public, in the prevention and cure of disease, and in prolonging and adding comfort to life.

**ARTICLE II.****Component Societies.**

Component Societies shall consist of those county medical societies which hold charters from this Society.

**ARTICLE III.****Composition of the Society.**

Section 1. This Society shall consist of Members, Delegates, and Guests.

Sec. 2. Members—The Members of the Society shall be the members of the component county medical societies.

Sec. 3. Delegates—Delegates shall be those members who are elected in accordance with this Constitution and By-Laws to represent their respective component societies in the House of Delegates of this Society.

Sec. 4.—Guests—Any distinguished scientist, or any physician not a resident of this State, may become a guest during any Annual Session on invitation of the President or the officers of this Society, and shall be accorded the privilege of participating in all of the scientific work for that session. The President shall announce to the general meeting the names of such persons as have been invited to attend the meeting, and their names shall then be enrolled as guests of that annual meeting.

**ARTICLE IV.****House of Delegates.**

The House of Delegates shall be the legislative and business body of the Society, and shall consist of (1) Delegates elected by the component county

societies, (2) the Councilors, and (3), ex-officio, the President and Secretary of this Society.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### Meetings.

Section 1. The regular meetings of this Society shall be held annually.

Sec. 2. Special meetings of the House of Delegates may be convened as the By-Laws provide.

Sec. 3. Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum in the House of Delegates.

Sec. 4. The selection of the place of meeting, and the election of officers, shall be the first order of business of the House of Delegates at the second evening session of each annual meeting.

Sec. 5. All officers shall be elected by ballot, and shall serve until their successors are chosen and qualified.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### Officers.

Section 1. The officers of this Society shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Secretary, two Assistant Secretaries, a Treasurer, Examiners or nominees for appointment as Examiners on the Board of Medical Examiners as may be required by the laws of the State of California governing the practice of medicine, and twelve Councilors, of whom one shall be elected from each of the nine Councilor districts and three at large. Not more than three Councilors shall be elected from any one Councilor district. These officers shall be elected by the House of Delegates at the time and in the manner duly provided in this Constitution and By-Laws.

Sec. 2. The officers, except the Treasurer and the Councilors, shall be elected annually. The terms of the elected Councilors shall be for three years, those first elected serving one, two and three years, as may be arranged.

Section 3. No delegates shall be eligible to any office named in the preceding section, except that of Councilor, and no person shall be elected to any such office who has not been a member of the Society for the past two years.

#### ARTICLE VII.

##### Council.

The Council shall consist of the Councilors and the President and Secretary, ex-officio. Besides its duties mentioned in the By-Laws, it shall constitute the Finance Committee of the House of Delegates. Five Councilors shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE VIII.

##### Section and District Societies.

The House of Delegates may provide for a division of the scientific work of the Society into appropriate Sections, and for the organization of such District Societies as will promote the best interests of the profession, such societies to be composed exclusively of members of component county societies.

#### ARTICLE IX.

##### Reciprocity of Membership With Other State Societies.

In order to broaden professional fellowship, this Society is ready to arrange with other State Medical Associations for an interchange of certificates of membership, so that members moving from one State to another may avoid the formality of reelection.

#### ARTICLE X.

##### Funds and Expenses.

Funds shall be raised by an equal per capita assessment on each component society. The amount of the assessment shall be fixed by the House of Delegates, but shall not exceed the sum of \$2.00 per capita per annum, except on a four-fifths vote of the Delegates. The fiscal year of the Society shall be from January 1st to December 31st. The number of members in good standing in each component society on the first day of January of each year shall be taken as the basis for the assessment for that fiscal year, as fixed by the House of Delegates. Funds may also be raised by voluntary contributions from the Society's publications, and in any other manner approved by the House of Delegates. Funds may be appropriated by the House of Delegates to defray the expenses of the Society, for publications and for such other purposes as will promote the welfare of the profession. All resolutions appropriating funds must be referred to the Finance Committee before action is taken thereon.

#### ARTICLE XI.

##### Referendum.

Section 1. A general meeting of the Society may, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, order a general referendum on any question pending before the House of Delegates, and when so ordered, the House of Delegates shall submit such question to the members of the Society, who may vote by mail or in person, and, if the members voting shall comprise a majority of all the members of the Society, a majority of such vote shall determine the question and be binding on the House of Delegates.

Sec. 2. The House of Delegates may, by a two-thirds vote of its own members, submit any question before it to a general referendum, as provided in the preceding section, and the result shall be binding on the House of Delegates.

#### ARTICLE XII.

##### The Seal.

The Society shall have a common seal, with power to break, change or renew the same at pleasure.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

##### Amendments.

The House of Delegates may amend any article of this Constitution by a two-thirds vote of the Delegates present at any annual session, provided that such amendment shall have been presented in open meeting at the previous annual session, and

that it shall have been published twice during the year in the Journal of this Society, or sent officially to each component society for at least two months before the meeting at which final action is to be taken.

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(Incorporating Amendments proposed at Annual Meeting held at Del Monte, April 1918,—to be voted upon at the 48th Annual Meeting to be held at Santa Barbara, April 1919).

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